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Trade Secrets

Williams & Connolly LLP has extensive experience in the area of trade secrets, both in protecting businesses' confidential information from unfair exploitation by competitors and in defending against claims of misappropriation. The firm's experience runs the gamut from criminal matters brought under the Economic Espionage Act, to high-stakes litigation between major competitors involving hundreds of millions of dollars, to international trade secret disputes, to defending or bringing claims involving individual employees who are alleged to have used confidential information on behalf of a competitor.

For example, Williams & Connolly lawyers successfully tried to verdict a case on behalf of a major electronics company in which a competitor sought over \$450 million claiming misappropriation of advanced interconnection technology. In the first major prosecution under the Economic Espionage Act, after a pre-trial appeal to the Third Circuit, the government dismissed the case. The firm handles many cases where employees may have departed with a company's trade secrets, including on behalf of a major aerospace firm and the largest legal placement firm in Washington, D.C.

Due to the sensitivity of the information involved, the firm often is called upon to mobilize immediately to deal with preliminary injunctions or temporary restraining orders in jurisdictions across the country. In every case, Williams & Connolly lawyers bring the same thoroughness, dedication, and attention to detail that are the hallmarks of the firm's practice.

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